



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Joe Garcia
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RE: MUR 7030

Dear Mr. Garcia:

On March 29, 2016, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notified you of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On January 9, 2017, based upon the information contained in the complaint, the Commission decided to exercise its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss the complaint and close its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on January 9, 2017.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Campbell, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

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General Counsel's Report

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indicate that the Committee may have crossed the \$5,000 threshold sometime during the 2016 April Quarterly Period; however, it is difficult to pinpoint an exact date due to the reporting of unitemized contributions and disbursements.⁴

Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating, and the Committee's filing of the required forms, possibly a few days later than required but prior to the receipt of the complaint, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the allegations consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources. *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985). We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to all respondents and send the appropriate letters.

⁴ The Committee's disclosure reports indicate that it may have crossed the expenditures threshold on February 22, 2016, and may have crossed the \$5,000 contributions threshold on February 28, 2016. See Joe Garcia for Congress 2016 April Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements, filed April 15, 2016. As such, when Garcia filed a Statement of Candidacy for the 2016 election on March 10, 2016, it may have been two days late (using the expenditure date to trigger a potential filing requirement). However, as stated above, it is difficult to pinpoint an exact date based on the Committee's reports.

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